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## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

## OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Honorable Paul J. Kilday House of Representatives Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kilday:

At the time of the recent episode concerning the NSA defectors I was seriously concerned by a statement made by Congressman Wayne Hays of Ohio to the effect that when Mitchell and Martin called upon him, he thought they were CIA officers checking upon his discretion. As you are well aware CIA, by law, is enjoined from any police or subpoena power within the United States. It is not our practice to check on any United States citizen except our own personnel. We would never, under any conceivable circumstance, send personnel to discuss matters with a member of Congress unless they properly identified themselves, and of course would not be checking on members of Congress.

It is, of course, possible that Central Intelligence Agency personnel, on their own, might carry complaints to a member of Congress; this is their right and a perfectly legitimate activity.

In either event, it seems to me that it would be very wise for the Congress to establish some procedure whereby inquiries, complaints or other matters concerning the Central Intelligence Agency, could be referred to your Subcommittee. This would afford you an opportunity to check further on the matter as you deemed appropriate. It would also give the membership a media for correctly informing themselves concerning matters which they hear about this Agency. In any event I

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think it would be useful if you could correct Congressman Hays' misapprehension concerning our functions. I would be happy to discuss this matter further with you at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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